



## JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR OCTOBER 17, 2006

**Apples** – Fresh product is a week to ten days earlier than normal this season and is available now through the new year. red delicious, empire, jonagold, macoun are finishing or in storage. golden delicious, rome, and stayman winesap are winding down. braeburn, fuji, and granny smith starting.

**Apple Cider** – Available until christmas in wholesale volume, through late spring for retail sales.

**Arugula & Cilantro** – Harvesting good quality and quantity with the cooler temperatures.

**Baby Arugula & Baby Spinach** – Harvesting good quality and quantity.

**Basil** – Harvesting a light quantity of fair to good quality product with the cooler temperatures. available until frost.

**Beets** – A good volume of good quality product is available.

**Broccoli** – Harvesting good quality in fair to increasing quantity in central jersey.

**Brussel Sprouts & Cauliflower** – Harvesting good quality products in light to increasing quantity in central jersey.

**Cabbage** – Harvesting good quantities of very good quality product.

**Cranberries** – The main harvest of fresh market dry harvested berries is winding down.

**Dill & Parsley** – Harvesting good quality and quantity.

**Cucumbers/Pickles** – Harvesting a very light quantity of good quality cukes and pickles (kirby cucumbers). finishing up.

**Eggplant** – Harvesting excellent quality italian and asian varieties in very light quantity. the fall brings out the best in this vegetable. finishing up.

**Escarole/Endive** – Harvesting good quality product in good volume.

**Green Beans** – Harvesting in good quality and light to decreasing quantity. finishing up soon.

**Greens** - Good quantities of fair to good quality collards, kale, mustard, dandelions, and swiss chard.

**Leeks & Green Onions** – Harvesting in good quality and quantity.

**Lettuces** – The harvest is two weeks later this fall. harvesting good quality boston and romaine in good volume. harvesting good quality red & green leaf in fair to good volume.

**Peppers** – Still harvesting a very light volume of good quality product. finishing up soon

**Pumpkins** – Downy mildew set in early this year in some fields due to another cool and wet spring. then a dry august was followed by incessant rains. growers that haven't been spraying all season will have problems. know your grower! these will be hard to source in jersey this year.

**Radishes & Turnips** – These temperature sensitive vegetables have begun harvesting again in good quality and fair to increasing quantity, with volume expected by the end of the week for turnips.

**Squash** – Harvesting a fair to decreasing quantity of great quality zucchini. most of our butternut and acorn have been harvested and stored for curing and better prices. finishing up soon.

**Tomatoes** – A very light quantity of fair to good quality rounds still available as some late plantings are harvested. can only be found in farm markets now. finishing up.

**Spinach** – Weather related issues caused later planting and slower growth than normal. harvesting in good quantity and quality.

**Sweet Corn** – Harvesting a very light to decreasing volume of fair to good quality corn. can only be found in farm markets now. finishing up.

**Sweet Potatoes** – Harvesting in good quantity and quality.

**White Potatoes** – Harvesting in good quantity and quality.